

## DSS RFP #2032 – Project Manager Medicaid Eligibility System Replacement Planning Project

### Questions and Responses:

1. Section 1.4 - The Schedule of Activities states that Responses to Vendor Questions will be released on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. In order for proposals to be delivered on the deadline, Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, they will need to be shipped on December 7<sup>th</sup> which will limit our time to revise our proposals based upon these answers, print and then ship. If the responses to questions impact the content of proposals, will DSS consider moving the submission deadline back to allow us time to address these changes?

Response: Please note the updated timeline below for Responses to Vendor Questions and Proposal Submission:

Responses to Vendor Questions	December 5, 2012
Proposal Submission	December 14, 2012
Anticipated Award	December 31, 2012
Decision/Contract Negotiation	

2. Section 1.4 – At what time are the proposal responses due?

Response: As noted on Page 1 of the RFP, proposals are due at 5:00 p.m. central

3. Section 3.1 - What is the extent of the responsibility of the project manager in regards to the statement in 3.1 that the “Vendor will manage budget...for the vendor selected for the Technical Assistance Contract”? Is the EE Project Manager responsible for making any project or expenditure decisions regarding the Technical Assistance Contract vendors or merely to track expenditures against the budget?

Response: The project manager will track expenditures against the entire project budget that includes both the TAC vendor and agency personnel and operating expenses.

4. Section 4.2 - If a vendor’s proposal for RFP #2032 is selected, we assume that the clause in Section 4.2 “Vendor selected for this procurement is prohibited from submitting a proposal or staffing any future vendor selected for the design, development, and implementation of the short term remediation effort or longer term system replacement.” would prohibit us from working on the remediation or replacement efforts in any capacity, even as a sub-contractor to another vendor?

Response: Vendors that are selected for this procurement would be prohibited from working on the design, development, and implementation remediation or replacement efforts in any capacity, even as a sub-vendor.

5. Section 4.2 - Does the statement in Section 4.2 that precludes the selected vendor from submitting a proposal or staffing any future vendor selected for the DDI also precluded from bidding on the QA and PM work related to this project?

Response: The selected vendor would not be precluded from bidding on any potential Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) or State Project Management procurements.

6. Section 4.2 - It is understood that Vendor selected for this procurement is prohibited from participating (bidding or staffing) with any future vendor in any design, development or implementation (DDI) of the short-term remediation effort or longer term system replacement. However, federal regulation requires each state to contract for an Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) contractor for all projects that are funded with enhanced federal funding. The project management and IV&V functions are highly complementary. Please clarify that the restriction on participating in any future contracts restricts the Vendor selected from this procurement from any involvement in any bid or staffing as subcontractor or contracted staff with the DDI contractor, but does not restrict the Vendor selected from this procurement from participating in any possible Project Management or IV&V contract (or amended scope in the Project Manager contract) in the DDI phase of the Medicaid Eligibility System Replacement project.

Response: The selected vendor would not be precluded from bidding on any potential Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) or State Project Management procurements.